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The only true blind person at Christmas time is he who does not have Christmas in his heart -Helen Keller



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Dear Friends,

I have been taking parenting classes as of late and have been talking with some wiser parents than myself and have learned a lot about what I didn't know. What I know now for sure is that Kids need at least 2 things from parents and that is **Safety/security – that they will be taken care of and that's a lot more than just money. Significance-they matter greatly to you and God.** It then dawned on me that that's exactly what God had intended all along for us. It has changed me and my family's life. I feel I have a much deeper handle on Gods parenting plan for mankind.

How did Jesus answer the 1st one? He said I am going to prepare a place for you to live with me forever, and I will show you the way and be the Way!

#2 how signifgant are you to Him? Well Jesus said my Father gave me to mankind, HIS only begotten so that you might have Eternal Life!

The Greatest gift of all-Folks it doesn't get any better than that.

Hopefully you could use this analogy to witness about the Christ child, that he came to save us, take care of us here and forever more. We all long for that kind of understanding deep within us. This is the easiest time of year to witness because it's almost acceptable to talk about Jesus publicly. Go for it!!!!

I think of some fun quotes - Christmas - that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance - a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

~Augusta E. Rundel

I thank God for my wife, family, friends and calling. Also for the privilege for having grown up in America, my adopted country. Wishing Gods very best to you and yours, Chris Heeb, husband, father, executive director and shoveler.

Merry Messiahmass!

What We Believe...

We are not a church, denomination nor synagogue. We are the oldest evangelical outreach in the nation to the Jewish and Christian communities (133 years!). We come alongside everyone who desires to have a penetrating understanding of their Biblical heritage in our Lord and Savior, Yeshua/Jesus, the Jewish Messiah.

We strongly believe in the Scriptural mandate of Romans 1:16, spoken by the apostle Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first, then the Gentile (everyone else)." That's why, "Good News for Israel means good news for everyone!"

We also believe in the heart of Ruth 1:16, which says, "Your people shall be my people and your God my God." Your people refers to Jesus' physical family of Israel, the Jews and your God refers to the Father God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus. Ruth 1:16 and Romans 1:16 are Scriptural bookends the Author of the Bible, Yeshua wants you to know!



Chairman Bob

To the American People:

Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world.

*-President Calvin Coolidge
Dec. 25, 1927*

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Emmanuel and Hanukkah

Hanukkah is a beautiful holy day celebrated by Jewish people. Many are aware of the customs and history of Hanukkah. Perhaps some even know Scripture well enough to know that this holy day is prophetically mentioned in the book of Daniel. Most surprising to both the Jewish and the Christian communities is that the clearest mention of Hanukkah in the Bible is in the New Testament!

Then came Hanukkah in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Yeshua/Jesus was walking inside the Temple area, in Solomon's Colonnade (John 10:22–23).

The people who normally celebrate this holy day, the Jewish people, have scant biblical references for it; yet the people who do not normally celebrate Hanukkah have the most explicit reference to it, in the New Testament!

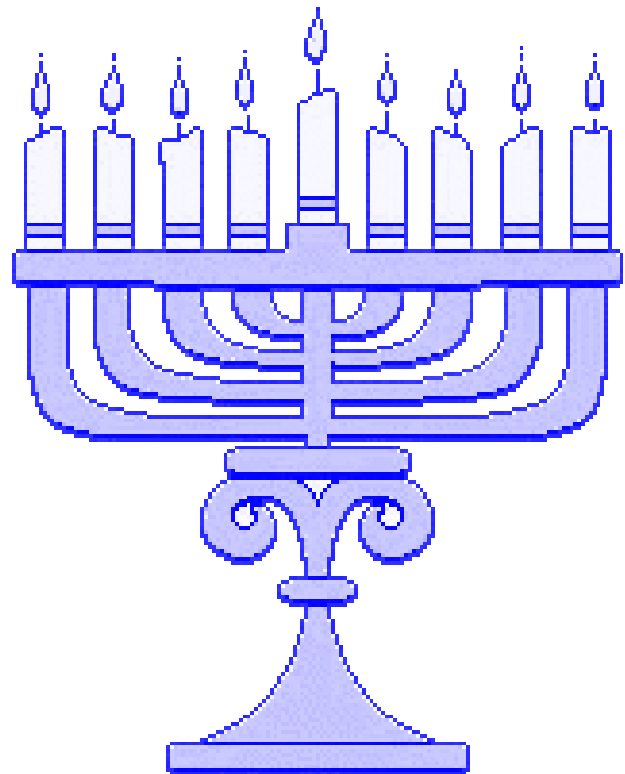
This brings us to the first reason believers in Emmanuel, the Messiah, might want to understand and celebrate this holy day.

The Messiah celebrated it. Not only did Yeshua celebrate Hanukkah, but he observed it in the same Temple that had been cleansed and rededicated just a few generations earlier under the Maccabees.

Many Jewish scholars see a deeper spiritual meaning to Hanukkah. As the editors of the popular Art scroll Mesorah Series state:

Then, the light is kindled to give inspiration, for the light of Messiah must burn brightly in our hearts (Chanukah, Mesorah Publications, Brooklyn, 1981, p. 104).

This is a logical conclusion. Because Hanukkah is a celebration of deliverance, it has also become a time to express messianic hope. Just as the Maccabees were used by God to redeem Israel, perhaps the greatest redeemer, the Messiah, would also come at this time!



With this understanding, we more fully appreciate the scenes that unfolded as Yeshua celebrated the feast 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. Amidst the festivities, Yeshua was approached by some rabbis who asked a simple question: “How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us publicly” (John 10:24). The answer to this very appropriate question is contained in Yeshua's Hanukkah message. He clearly reiterates his claim and the proofs of his Messiahship (John 10:25–39).

This shows the real connection between Hanukkah and Christmas. Hanukkah recalls a military victory for Israel and the implications are vast. If Antiochus had succeeded in his campaign of anti-Semitism and destruction, there would have been no Jews by the time of Yeshua. The miracle of Emmanuel, at Christmas, could only take place after the miracle of Hanukkah! Certainly all believers in Yeshua have important reasons to remember this Feast of Dedication. Emmanuel, our deliverer, has come!

Whats the story behind Handel's Messiah?

The town is Dublin, Ireland; the date is April 13, 1742; the place is Neal's Music hall. A choir rises and HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH fills the auditorium. A great crowd has gathered to hear the premiere of what is destined to be the most widely known musical in the world.

The most notable guest in attendance is King George II of England. He is so moved by the exhilarating music that he springs to his feet, an action that seemed to prompt the whole audience to do the same. From that day, wherever in the world you hear the "Hallelujah Chorus," which is part of the Messiah, the audience stands.

Each year during the Christmas season millions of people are inspired and thrilled by that great oratorio, the composer of which, like no other, has captivated the music world during the holidays. Who was he?

George Frederick Handel was born in Germany on February 23, 1685. He developed his innate music talent very early in life, playing the clavier--a stringed keyboard instrument--by age seven and mastering most of the orchestral instruments before the age of nineteen.

Handel's mother, daughter of a Lutheran preacher, made sure of his early spiritual training. Although his father, a surgeon, insisted that he study law, he was able to continue his music career after his father's death, which

occurred while he was still in college.

After several years of a modest career in Italy, writing and producing operas and oratorios, Handel went to England where he quickly found fame, favor, and fortune, especially among royalty and noblemen. He continued his musical experiences, becoming one of the most famous composers in the world.



In 1741, at age fifty-six, Handel began to reflect on his career. He longed to write something that would be lasting and would make people better. Following a season of prayer he began his work. After twenty-three days of near constant writing, he rose from his labor a victor. He had finished his immortal Messiah, an oratorio that has become the most widely performed musical in the world. When asked why he wrote what he wrote, he exclaimed, "I wanted people to know, without a doubt, why he came to bring glory to the Father and Himself!" To this day thousands of performances are heard each year during the holiday season.

Nearly one hundred years after the first performance of the Mes

siah, Lowell Mason, a Boston choir director, composer, and publisher, took a melody line from the Messiah and arranged it to fit a poem written by Isaac Watts, one of England's greatest theologians and hymn writers. Handel had known and respected Watts whose poem, based on Psalm 98, was written twenty-seven years before the Messiah. The result was one of our most popular Christmas carols, "Joy to the World."

Handel wrote in his Messiah, "And He shall reign forever and ever, HALLELUJAH! King of kings and Lord of lords, FOREVER!"

In the hours just before his death he remarked, "I want to die... in the hope of rejoining the good God, my sweet Lord and Savior Jesus on the day of His resurrection."

Would you like to know the joy spoken of in the carol and have the prospect of reigning with Christ forever? You can know the Hope and his name is Yeshua/Jesus! The Bible says you can. Sincerely ask God to forgive you of all of your sins because of what Jesus accomplished for you by paying the ultimate price on the cross. He will flood your life with Love and forgiveness that you can start sharing with others! HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH!

LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

Well 2010 is almost gone and we are very thankful at GNFI for having survived and thrived this very challenging year. We galloped into the New Year with Larry Kutzler yelling charge or should I say action and cut with our cutting edge DVD series Israel the missing piece. We have actually drawn some national attention with this series and are extremely grateful for that. We recently backed

off our local radio due to funding and are regrouping for a national campaign, God willing. King Frederick the Great of Germany once asked his Lutheran pastor to provide him with a visible proof of God's existence. The pastor answered with just two words: the Jews! That's what we have been trying to tell the world that the Jews need the Good News to fulfill Gods eternal salvation plan.

You have no idea how many people are not aware of the significance of Romans 1:16-16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel /Good News of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, (Amplified)

Well by Gods foreknowledge he called us 133 years ago to do what seemed absurd to the PC world around us. It reminds me of another great quote- Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, wrote in 1898:

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, & be excused for it. - **What's the secret of his immortality?**

Well we know the answer to that because the scriptures of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob /Israel have made that clear. He sent is only begotten Son to save this sin ravaged world from itself and He has to return to the capital of the Jewish people in Jerusalem to fulfill the promises of HIS 2nd coming. We have our work cut out for us and HE will see us thru to the end of all things. HALLELUJAH!

We just had our 2010 fall meeting at the always gracious Emmaus Lutheran Free Church(whose ladies made some great cake for us) and had a great time with our guest speaker Hebrew scholar & author Keith Johnson. He made a great case for the Church and the Jews having the Hebrew Scriptures in common with the God of Israel. The more we engage them the more we make them curious. It also says- Again, here is what I ask. They didn't trip and fall once and for all time, did they? Not at all! Because Israel sinned, those who aren't Jews can be saved. That will make Israel jealous of them. 12 Israel's sin brought riches to the world. Their loss brought riches to the non-Jews. What greater riches will come when all Israel turns to God! Romans 11:11. (Get me invited to speak at your church or bible study on Israel in these last days of Biblical history. You'll never be the same!)

We thank God & our friends for this ministry that Pray and help us continue HIS Great work to the lost sheep of the House of Israel and the Church to understand its Hebraic/Jewish Roots!



Keith Johnson



Fall Meeting

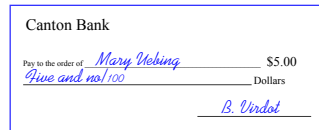


Myself

Hard Times, a Helping



Samuel J. Stone



IN the weeks just before Christmas of 1933 — 77 years ago — a mysterious offer appeared in *The Repository*, the daily newspaper here. It was addressed to all who were suffering in that other winter of discontent known as the Great Depression. The bleakest of holiday seasons was upon them, and the offer promised modest relief to those willing to write in and speak of their struggles. In return, the donor, a “Mr. B. Virdot,” pledged to provide a check to the neediest to tide them over the holidays.

Not surprisingly, hundreds of letters for Mr. B. Virdot poured into general delivery in Canton — even though there was no person of that name in the city of 105,000. A week later, checks, most for as little as \$5, started to arrive at homes around Canton. They were signed by “B. Virdot.”

The gift made *The Repository*’s front page on Dec. 18, 1933. The headline read: “Man Who Felt Depression’s Sting to Help 75 Unfortunate Families: Anonymous Giver, Known Only as ‘B. Virdot,’ Posts \$750 to Spread Christmas Cheer.” The story said the faceless donor was “a Canton man who was toppled from a large fortune to practically nothing” but who had returned to prosperity and now wanted to give a Christmas present to “75 deserving fellow townsmen.” The gifts were to go to men and women who might otherwise “hesitate to knock at charity’s door for aid.” Whether the paper spoke to Mr. B. Virdot directly or through an intermediary or whether it received something in writing from him is not known.

Down through the decades, the identity of the benefactor remained a mystery. Three prosperous generations later, the whole affair was consigned to a footnote in Canton’s history. But to me, the story had always served as an example of how selfless Americans reach out to one

another in hard times. I can’t even remember the first time I heard about Mr. B. Virdot, but I knew the tale well.

Then, this past summer, my mother handed me a battered old black suitcase that had been gathering dust in her attic. I flipped open the twin latches and found a mass of letters, all dated December 1933. There were also 150 canceled checks signed by “B. Virdot,” and a tiny black bank book with \$760 in deposits.

My mother, Virginia, had always known the secret: the donor was her father, Samuel J. Stone. The fictitious moniker was a blend of his daughters’ names — Barbara, Virginia and Dorothy. But Mother had never told me, and when she handed me the suitcase she had no idea what was in it — “some old papers,” she said. The suitcase had passed into her possession shortly after the death of my grandmother Minna in 2005.

I took the suitcase with me to our log cabin in the woods of Maine, and there, one night, began to read letter after letter. They had come from all over Canton, from out-of-work upholsterers, painters, bricklayers, day laborers, insurance salesmen and, yes, former executives — some of whom, I later learned, my grandfather had known personally.

One, written Dec. 19, 1933, begins, “I hate to write this letter ... it seems too much like begging. Anyway, here goes. I will be honest; my husband doesn’t know I’m writing this letter.... He is working but not making enough to hardly feed his family. We are going to do everything in our power to hold on to our house.” Three years behind in taxes and out of credit at the grocery store, the writer closed with, “Even if you don’t think we’re worthy of help, I hope you receive a great blessing for your kindness.”

Another letter came from a 38-year-old steel worker, out of a job and stricken with tuberculosis, who wrote of his inability to pay the hospital bills for his son, whose skull had been fractured after he was struck by a car.

One man wrote: “For one like me who for a lifetime has earned a fine living, charity by force of distressed circumstances is an abomination and a headache. However, your offer carries with it a spirit so far removed from those who offer help for their own glorification, you remove so much of the sting and pain of forced charity that I venture to tell you my story.”

Hand from B. Virdot

The writer, once a prominent businessman, was now 65 and destitute, his life insurance policy cashed in and gone, his furniture “mortgaged,” his clothes threadbare, his hope of paying the electric and gas bills pinned to the intervention of his children.

A mother of four wrote, “My husband hasn’t had steady work in four years The people who are lucky enough to have no worry where the next meal is coming from don’t realize how it is to be like we are and a lot of others.... I only wish I could do what you are doing.”

Another letter was from the wife of an out-of-work bricklayer. “Mr. Virdot, we are in desperate circumstances,” she wrote. They had taken in her husband’s mother and father and a 10-year-old boy. Now the landlord had given them three days to pay up. “It is awful,” she wrote. “No one knows, only those who go through it. It does seem so much like begging.”

Children, too, wrote in. The youngest was 12-year-old Mary Uebing. “There are six in our family,” she wrote, “and my father is dead ... my baby sister is sick. Last Christmas our dinner was slim and this Christmas it will be slimmer.... Any way you could help us would be appreciated in this fatherless and worrisome home.”

The wife of an out-of-work insurance salesman added a postscript to her letter, one not intended for her husband’s eyes: She had just pawned her engagement ring for \$5.

Also in the suitcase were thank-you letters from people who had received Mr. Virdot’s checks. A father wrote: “It was put to good use paying for two pairs of shoes for my girls and other little necessities. I hope someday I have the pleasure of knowing to whom we are indebted for this very generous gift.”

That was from George W. Monnot, who had once owned a successful Ford dealership but whose reluctance to lay off his salesmen hastened his own financial collapse, his granddaughter told me.

Of course, the checks could not reverse the fortunes of an entire family, much less a community. A few months after one man, Roy Teis, wrote to B. Virdot, his family splintered apart. His eight children, including a 4-year-old daughter, were scattered among nearly as many foster homes, and there they remained for years to come.

So why had my grandfather done this? Because he had known what it was to be down and out. In 1902, when he was 15, he and his family had fled Romania, where they had been persecuted and stripped of the right to work because they were Jews. They settled into an immigrant ghetto in Pittsburgh. His father forced him to roll cigars with his six other siblings in the attic, hiding his shoes so he could not go to school.

My grandfather later worked on a barge and in a coal mine, swabbed out dirty soda bottles until the acid ate at his fingers and was even duped into being a strike breaker, an episode that left him bloodied by nightsticks. He had been robbed at night and swindled in daylight. Midlife, he had been driven to the brink of bankruptcy, almost losing his clothing store and his home. By the time the Depression hit, he had worked his way out of poverty, owning a small chain of clothing stores and living in comfort. But his good fortune carried with it a weight when so many around him had so little.

His yuletide gift was not to be his only such gesture. In the same black suitcase were receipts hinting at other anonymous acts of kindness. The year before the United States entered World War II, for instance, he sent hundreds of wool overcoats to British soldiers. In the pocket of each was a handwritten note, unsigned, urging them not to give in to despair and expressing America’s support.

Like many in his generation, my grandfather believed in hard work, and disdained handouts. In 1981, at age 93, he died driving himself to the office, crashing while trying to beat a rising drawbridge. But he could never ignore the brutal reality of times when work was simply not to be had and self-reliance reached its limits. He sought no credit for acts of conscience. He saw them as the debt we owe one another and ourselves.

For many Americans, this Christmas will be grim. Here, in Ohio, food banks and shelters are trying to cope with the fallout from plant closings, layoffs, foreclosures and bankruptcies. The family across the street lost their home. From our breakfast table, we look out on their house, dark and vacant. Multibillion-dollar bailouts to banks and Wall Street have yet to bring relief to those humbled by need and overwhelmed by debt. Already, the B. Virdot in me — in each of us — can hear the words of our neighbors.

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New Evangelical Left Film Attacks Israel

A new film, “With God on Our Side,” is being released this month to rebut pro-Israel Christians and persuade them to champion the Palestinian cause.

The film’s purpose, as its producer explains, is to take American Christians off the metaphorical tourist trail of their pro-Israel stance and instead wade them into embittered Palestinian communities where their views will change.

The makers of “With God on Our Side” want increased U.S. pressure on Israel to accommodate Palestinian demands, facilitated by reduced U.S. evangelical support for Israel. The ultimate goal is unclear, whether a Palestinian state in the West Bank ruled by Islamists like Hamas, or dismantling Israel altogether in favor of a new nation dominated by returned Palestinian “refugees.”

Film endorsers include liberal evangelist Tony Campolo and Emergent Church guru Brian McLaren.

IRD President Mark Tooley commented: “Anti-Israel activists rightly see American evangelicals as key to U.S. support for Israel. That is why they are targeting evangelicals with messages of pro-Palestinian solidarity as supposedly central to Christian compassion.

“The film’s main message to evangelicals, especially to young people, is that the Old Religious Right crassly imposed a pro-Israel U.S. foreign policy based on its end-times theology, creating untold suffering among largely innocent Palestinians. The film suggests that more thoughtful, more compassionate evangelicals will reject that heritage and instead stand with the Palestinians as the victim group most needing Christian compassion.

“The film perpetuates a simplistic stereotype alleging that American Evangelicals self-servingly only support Israel because a Jewish presence there is central to their blood thirsty, apocalyptic dreams about the Second Coming.

“The Evangelical Left is adopting the old Religious Left’s Liberation Theology view of the Middle East, in which the Palestinians are the impoverished Third World victims, while Israel and the U.S. are the imperialists.

“‘With God on Our Side’ is overly reductive, claiming evangelicals support apartheid-like, Jewish wall-builders while neglecting persecuted Palestinians. Of course, their persecution is faulted not just on Israel, but also the United States, especially its evangelicals.

“How are the dwindling numbers of Palestinian Christians faring under Palestinian rule now, and how would they fare under a victorious new, Islamic-dominated Palestinian state? The Evangelical Left would prefer not to answer these questions, instead preferring guilt trips about supposed evangelical and American imperialist sins and fantasies about a newly liberated and Christian friendly ‘Palestine.’”

UK government urged to reject Christian Zionism

A film produced earlier this year that depicts Christian Zionism as a fanatical and dangerous ideology is gaining popularity in the UK, and is even being peddled to government ministers in an effort to snuff out the influence of grassroots Christian support for the Jewish state.

A municipal councillor in Northern Ireland notified Israel Today that he and many other local and national officials have been invited to attend a screening of the film “With God on Our Side” on November 11 at Queens University in Belfast. The event is being sponsored by The Ireland-Palestine Alliance.

Among those invited are several prominent members of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly, as well as Daphne Trimble, wife of former First Minister David Trimble.

The 82-minute film they will be treated to accuses Christian supporters of Israel of advocating the ethnic cleansing of the region’s Arab population, be they Christians or Muslims, and of rubber stamping all Israeli actions and policies regardless of morality.

The film asserts that Christian Zionists have eschewed Christian love for an apocalyptic theology, and should themselves be relegated to the lunatic fringe of political discourse. It blatantly ignores many of the root causes for and the history of the conflict, while accusing Israel of arbitrary cruelty and Christians of willfully approving that cruelty.

Following the film, attendees will hear from Dr. Stephen Sizer, an Anglican minister who has for years been highly critical of Bible-based Christian support for Israel.

These screenings and lectures by Dr. Sizer are presumably taking place across the UK, which is a sad testament considering that the UK was once the bastion of Christian Zionism and was used mightily by the Lord to facilitate Israel’s rebirth as a nation-state.

What was the original order of the New Testament?

I am sure most of you will be very surprised what the original order of the Greek New Testament was. The order of the books was changed by Jerome who was commissioned and pressured by the Roman Catholic Church to put together a “Roman /Latin bible” called the Vulgate. He even moved to Bethlehem for the rest of his life to do this. I believe he had good intentions’ but bowed to pressure from the Popes.

The Manuscript evidence easily allows us to put the New Testament back to its original order. Here then is the original order of the books of the New Testament.

The Gospels were originally called the Evangelists. They were named much later with the names we recognize them with today and what is now commonly called the Gospels—Matthew; Mark; Luke; John; along with Acts, which could easily be called the 2nd book of Luke. This is the ‘Torah’ or Pentateuch of the New Testament, the first 5 books of the witnesses of Yeshua/Jesus. King of the Jews.

Then came the 7 not so “general” letters, as the Catholic church would have had you believe but Jewish epistles: James/Jacob, Yeshua/Jesus ½ brother; Peter (1); Peter (2); John (1); John (2); John (3); and Jude (Judah) Jesus other ½ brother. Notice that Jude the 12th book introduces Paul’s letters.

What Jude says makes much more sense when we put it in that order. He is primarily addressing Jews who are under intense pressure to return to Judaism without Jesus. He then says in verse 5 that” the Lord having saved the people out of Egypt, afterward destroyed them for returning to

unbelief after all they had seen and known. Something was seriously wrong with even early Christians because of certain men who had crept in unawares and corrupted it... (We have seen that down thru the century’s) numerous cults, etc.

**Matthew / Mark / Luke / John,
Acts (Luke 2), Jacob/James,
1 & 2nd Peter, 1, 2nd & 3rd John,
Judah/Jude, Romans,
1 & 2nd Corinthians, Galatians,
Ephesians, Philippians,
Colossians,
1 & 2nd Thessalonians,
Hebrews, 1 & 2nd Timothy,
Titus, Philemon,
Revelation**

Paul’s letters, the later ones containing the final revelation to us the “called out ones”(the church)— the mature teachings — called the ‘secret’ or ‘mystery’, are: Romans; Corinthians (1); Cor. (2); Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; Thessalonians (1); Thess. (2).

At this point note that Paul wrote 9 letters to 7 (assemblies or groups), and 4 letters to 3 individual persons. The 2nd group, at Corinth, and the 7th group, at Thessalonica, receiving 2 letters each. The 2 letters to the 7th (and final) group at Thessalonica dealt with the end times. Now comes the mystery author book of Hebrews which some at that time feel Timothy wrote from Paul. (only God knows.)

Finally, Paul’s 4 letters to 3 individuals: Timothy (1); Timothy (2); Titus; and Philemon. This completes Paul’s letters.

The last book of all in the book of books is Revelation. This is the 27th book of the New Testament. It takes scriptures from all over the Bible, putting them into a divine sequence.

The vast majority of ancient manuscripts reflect this order of the books. Our New Testament is essentially a Messianic addendum on the so called Old(er) Testament.

I need to address the issue of “so what “and “does it make a difference”.

I believe for serious disciples it can make a significant difference when teaching or witnessing, especially to Jewish people who are so skeptical. Let’s take the book of Romans which is greatest theological masterpiece in the scriptures or as I like to say the “Christian Constitution”. Using Romans 1:16 to the Jew 1st, does make a lot more sense for the book of James to be after the book of Acts because the church was primarily Jewish and they would have appreciated the Lords half brother addressing them with”from Jacob/ James to the 12 tribes in dispersion (James 1:1) rather than a major doctrinal, general letter such as Romans. I challenge you to be a Berean and study the scriptures with its original order. Go online or order books addressing these kinds of issues.

Maranatha,

Chris Heeb



Blessings and Curses - Genesis 12: 1-3



Most observers, right or left, pro-Israel or anti-Israel, would agree that Israeli-American relations are the worst they have been in memory. Among the many indications

is that only 9 percent of Jewish Israelis think President Barack Obama's administration is more pro-Israel than pro-Palestinian, according to a Smith Research poll taken during the last week of March on behalf of The Jerusalem Post. Given how much Israelis love and admire (and emigrate to) America, this level of mistrust is all the more remarkable.

Commentators on the left, of course, blame Israel. For them, this is a no-brainer; blaming Israel is as natural as breathing. One just does it. Furthermore, Israel is headed by a conservative prime minister, and America is presided over by the most pro-left president in its history.

Meanwhile, commentators on the right are virtually unanimous in supporting Israel. This is not simply an anti-Obama, pro-conservative-Netanyahu reflex, however. It stems from a variety of reasons:

First, Israel is our staunchest ally. Among other things, Israel votes with us in the United Nations more often than any other country, and it provides us with uniquely important technological know-how and intelligence.

Second, conservatives' values are closer to Israel's values than perhaps those of any other nation. As President Harry Truman said, "Israel is the embodiment of the great ideals of our civilization."

Third, while a rift with Israel hurts Israel, it hurts America at least as much (as we shall see) and does not make Palestinians any more likely to make peace with the Jewish state. Recall, the Palestinians unleashed mass terror against Israel after a left-leaning Israeli prime minister agreed to give the Palestinians 97 percent of the territory conquered in 1967 and 3 percent more from Israel itself. Why, then, would the Palestinians make peace with Israel now, when

half of the Palestinians are governed by Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel's destruction? Because Obama humiliated the Israeli prime minister during the latter's visit to Washington — over Israeli plans to build 1,600 apartments in Jerusalem?

Fourth, the greatest international threat today emanates from Iran, a threat that will be exponentially increased if Iran is not prevented from developing nuclear weapons. A weakened Israel means an emboldened Iran. And this frightens conservatives more than it does the world's left and Obama.

Finally, there is a fifth reason tens of millions of Americans, many conservative commentators, support Israel and worry about America if American support for Israel wanes.

To the left in America and around the world, this reason is dangerous nonsense. But for a vast number of America's Christians, many Jews and even many non-religious conservatives, it is deeper than any military or political reason. The reason is based on a verse in **Genesis 12: 1-3 in which God, referring to the Jewish people, says to Abraham: "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you."**

One need not be a Jew or Christian or even believe in God to appreciate that this verse is as accurate a prediction of the future as humanity has ever been given by the ancient world. The Jewish people have suffered longer and more horribly than any other living people. But they are still around. Their historic enemies are all gone. Those who cursed the Jews were indeed cursed.

And those who blessed the Jews were indeed blessed. The most blessed country for more than 200 years has been the United States. It has also been the most blessed place Jews have ever lived in. Is this a coincidence? Many of us think not.

Those who curse the Jews today seem to be cursed. The most benighted civilization today is the Arab world. One could make a plausible case that the Arab world's preoccupation with Jew-hatred and destroying Israel is decisive in keeping the Arab world from progressing. The day the Arab world makes peace with the existence of the tiny Jewish state in its midst, the Arab world will begin its ascent.

The converse is what worries tens of millions of Americans: The day America begins to abandon Israel, America will begin its descent.

Israel shares America's values, such as liberty, an independent judiciary, a free press, freedom of religion, free speech and women's equality. The Arab and Muslim worlds have none of these. Those facts — and America's Judeo-Christian roots — make support of Israel, no matter what the Arab and Muslim "street" feels about America, a moral lynchpin of American foreign policy.

This administration's desire to have America liked in the Arab and Muslim worlds therefore has to mean altering that lynchpin. You cannot protect Israel and strive to be liked in the Arab and Muslim worlds at the same time. And you cannot weaken that protection without weakening America's moral values, which form the basis of America's greatness.

Even aside from compromising America's moral essence, weakening American support of Israel will only strengthen the America-hating Islamists. The notion that the primitive monsters of the Taliban, Hamas, al-Qaida and the like will become pro-American — or just stop attacking America — if America weakens its support of Israel betrays an ignorance of evil that is frightening. So there is nothing to gain — and America's soul to lose — by weakening, or by even seeming to weaken, American support for Israel.

In 1968, Eric Hoffer, the longshoreman turned philosopher and author of the classic work "The True Believer," wrote in The Los Angeles Times:

"The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts. And Jewish resources. Yet at this moment Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us."

Hoffer concluded: "I have a premonition that will not leave me; as it goes with Israel so will it go with all of us. Should Israel perish, the holocaust will be upon us." Genesis was right.

Dennis Prager

You've written....

Dear GNFI friends,

Just wanted to share with you what happened at my church on Sunday. I belong to a Wisconsin Evan. Luther Synod Church for the 34 yrs as a member. I have never heard a sermon on the Jews, Israel or witnessing to the Jews until Sunday. People were surprised. Pastor told of talking with a Jewish man whose wife was a Christian and at the end of the sermon said we should pray for the Jews. Now I have prayed for the Jews, not as often, but I know we are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. I was saved in a Baptist church 66yrs ago in which there were 2 middle aged women who always prayed for the Jews and may have been connected with a Jewish group. That was 1943. I believe God is answering their prayers. This is such a switch for my church to talk about this. We've had little to nothing about the future of the Jews or second coming. They are way off about that, but God is opening some eyes, like my church. It's amazing!
June Fowler

Shalom GNFI,

Every living soul who receives this newsletter should without fail send at least - at least \$10 back to GNFI each and every time it hits the mailbox!! My husband and I devour it from cover to cover, and there are articles in there not seen elsewhere without (I dare say) much internet hunting. God Bless you for all you do! Kathryn.

Chris/GNFI,

Here's a little something to pay off your radio bill debt. KKMS radio isn't the same without you guys, but I'll get use to it somehow. Maybe the Lord is opening other doors for you. Please keep sending me your newsletter. See you at Emmaus, in Christ, Phil Lyon

Dear chris/Gnfi,

Since Christ the king church is remaining with the ELCA; some of us have begun a new congregation. Our name is Resurrection Lutheran. We began services on July 11th. At present time we are having guest pastors, but expect to call one before the end of the year. We have chosen to include GNFI on our mission's budget. Praise God!!! We are small but God has blessed us in our decision. God bless you and yours, Ruth Davidson

Good News for Israel's Web Update

- The world reached out to us with 12,261 visitors (not hits) in 99 countries! -2010

United States 10,482	Brazil 2
Canada 427	South Korea 20
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New Zealand 32	Pakistan 10
Russia 26	Belgium 10

We have been working hard at making a great cutting-edge website and Facebook page. We hope to have some key parts working in Hebrew, Russian, and Arabic by early next year.

Thanks for all the great prayers and support doing the Great Commission with Good News for Israel.

All it takes is one person in any of those countries to make a big difference!

We have not listed all of the countries due to space.

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Celebrity Christmas Quips

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day.

Don't clean it up too quickly.

- Andy Rooney

There's nothing sadder in the world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child

-Erma Bombeck

I quit believing in Santa when my mother took me and he asked me for my autograph.

-Shirley Temple

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Palestinian Propaganda

The Western Wall / Wailing Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem has no religious significance to Jews and is in fact, holy Muslim property.

The contention could further inflame tensions over the disputed city and draw heavy rebuke from Israeli and Jewish leaders.

Decades of archaeology have shown that the Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray, was a retaining wall of the compound where the two biblical Jewish Temples stood 30 & 20 centuries ago. The Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site (not mentioned in the Koran), is built atop the ruins.

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